

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of August 15, 2003 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application.

Claims 31-50 are pending for consideration, of which claims 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45 and 48 are independent. By the above actions, claims 31-50 have been amended. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, claims 31-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,603,453 - hereinafter Yamazaki). This rejection is respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.

Claims 31 has been amended, as shown above, to include the feature wherein the active layer of the n-channel TFT is located over the first wiring line with the first insulating film interposed therebetween and the active layer of the p-channel TFT does not overlap any portion of the first wiring line.

Claims 33, 36, 39, 42, 45 and 48 have been amended to further clarify the claim language. As amended, these claims also recite the active layer of the p-channel TFT not being overlapped with any portion of the first wiring line. More specifically, these claims have been amended to recite forming a first semiconductor island and a second semiconductor island, wherein the first semiconductor island is located over said the first wiring line with the first insulating film interposed therebetween and the second semiconductor island does not overlap any portion of the first conductive film. Support for the amendment can be found in, e.g., Fig. 1A of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the active layers of Yamazaki are overlapped with the first wiring lines, and the above-amended features of claims 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45 and 48 are not disclosed in Yamazaki.

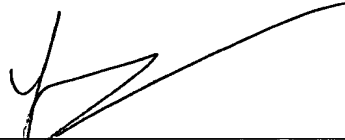
Consequently, since each and every feature of the present claims is not taught (and is not inherent) in the teachings of Yamazaki, as is required by MPEP Chapter 2131 in order to establish anticipation, the rejection of claims 31-50, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as anticipated by Yamazaki, is improper.

Claims 31-50 also have been amended, as shown above, to further clarify the claim language and correct grammatical errors.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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